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USFS Law Enforcement Targets Pole Mountain Violations

(LARAMIE, Wyo.) April 9, 2013 – U.S. Forest Service Law Enforcement saturated the Pole Mountain unit of the Medicine Bow National Forest this past Saturday, April 6 and their efforts resulted in 22 citations written, multiple warnings issued and over \$3,000 in fines handed out.

The patrol saturation was an effort to keep tabs on the high springtime usage of the area and to address the natural resource violations taking place.

Driving motorized vehicles off road remains the number one problem that officers are focusing on, however, violations of the seasonal shooting restriction, resource damage, unattended campfires, destruction of U.S. Government property and violations of seasonal road closures are also key issues.

Forest Service officials would like to stress that if a road is blocked by a snow drift and you cannot drive through it, then you need to turn around and try a different route. The majority of resource damage is done during the spring months, often by Forest users trying to drive off road around obstacles such as snow drifts.

Those traveling through the National Forest should pay attention to signage and refer to the Pole Mountain Motor Vehicle Use Map (MVUM) for details. MVUMs are free and can be obtained at the Laramie District Office, 2468 Jackson St. in Laramie.

Visitors should take care of their public lands and stay on roads and trails that are designated open for motorized travel.

For additional information on recreational use of the Pole Mountain area, please contact the Laramie Ranger District office at 307-745-2300, visit <http://fs.usda.gov/mbr> or follow the MBRTB on Twitter, @MBRNFsTBNG.

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